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LABOUR STATISTICS

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AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS

BACKGROUND

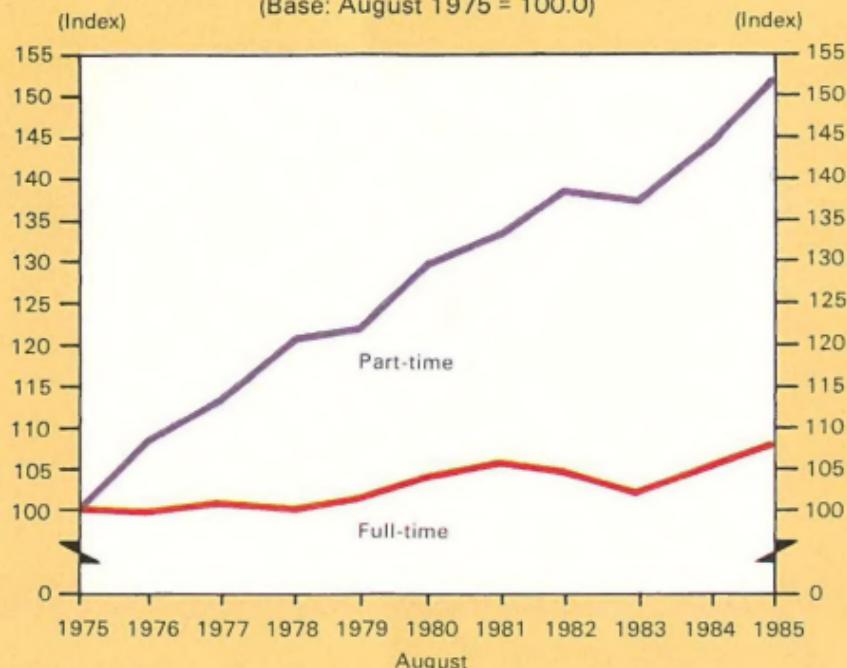
| | | | 1975 | 1985 |
|--------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| POPULATION (30 June) | | | | |
| Total civilian population | million | | 13.9 | 15.8 |
| /Aged 15 and over | " | | 10.1 | 12.0 |
| LABOUR FORCE (August) | | | | |
| Participation rates—males | % | | 80.5 | 75.5 |
| —females | " | | 43.0 | 46.2 |
| —persons | " | | 61.6 | 60.6 |
| EMPLOYMENT (August) | | | | |
| Employed persons—total | '000 | | 5,841.3 | 6,690.3 |
| —males | " | | 3,820.6 | 4,102.8 |
| —females | " | | 2,020.8 | 2,587.5 |
| —full-time | " | | 5,046.8 | 5,439.2 |
| —part-time | " | | 794.4 | 1,251.1 |
| Employment/population ratio | % | | 58.8 | 55.8 |
| Underemployed | '000 | | 75.7 | 232.8 |
| UNEMPLOYMENT (August) | | | | |
| Unemployed persons | '000 | | 278.4 | 567.6 |
| Unemployment rate—males | % | | 3.5 | 7.8 |
| —females | " | | 6.5 | 7.9 |
| —persons | " | | 4.6 | 7.8 |
| —aged | | | | |
| 15-19 | " | | 12.9 | 20.1 |
| Average duration | weeks | | 12.7 | 49.5 |
| JOB VACANCIES (August) | '000 | | n.a. | 52.4 |
| HOURS OF WORK (August) | | | | |
| Average weekly hours worked | | | | |
| by employed persons | hours | | 36.9 | 35.8 |
| —full-time | " | | 40.2 | 40.3 |
| —part-time | " | | 15.6 | 15.9 |
| Average overtime hours per | | | | |
| employee | " | | n.a. | 1.2 |
| INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (June) | | | | |
| Industrial disputes, days lost | | | | |
| during year | '000 | | 3,957.3 | 1,305.8 |
| Trade Union membership | " | | 2,834.2 | 3,154.2 |
| | | (Dec) | | |

| CHANGE IN WAGES AND PRICES | Dec. Qtr. | 12 | 10 |
|--|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| | | months to 1985 | years to 1985 |
| Average weekly earnings, adult males | Dec. Qtr. | 6.3 | 163.2 |
| Award rates of pay index, wage earners, adult males | Nov. | 6.5 | 147.4 |
| Consumer price index, all groups | Dec. Qtr. | 8.3 | 146.7 |

EMPLOYMENT

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

(Base: August 1975 = 100.0)



Source: *Monthly Population Survey*

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT SECTORS, August.

| | 1975 % | 1985 % |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Private | 70.8 | 68.1 |
| Government— | | |
| Commonwealth | 8.2 | 8.0 |
| State | 18.2 | 21.0 |
| Local | 2.8 | 2.9 |
| Total | 29.2 | 31.9 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 |

Sources: *Survey of Employment and Earnings; Civilian Employees*

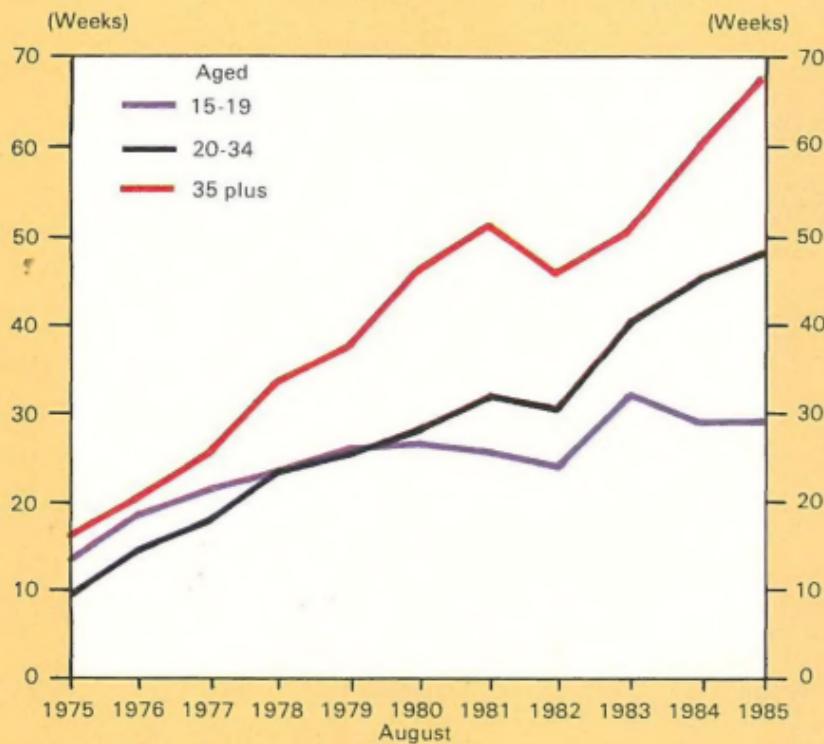
WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: INDUSTRY, August 1985

| | '000 | % |
|---|----------------|--------------|
| Mining | 89.4 | 1.7 |
| Manufacturing | 1,028.8 | 19.1 |
| Electricity, gas and water | 139.3 | 2.6 |
| Construction | 252.4 | 4.7 |
| Wholesale and retail trade | 1,038.5 | 19.3 |
| Transport and storage | 284.1 | 5.3 |
| Communication | 133.6 | 2.5 |
| Finance, property and business surveys | 592.2 | 11.0 |
| Public administration and defence | 302.8 | 5.6 |
| Community services | 1,152.2 | 21.4 |
| Recreation, personal and other services | 365.3 | 6.8 |
| Total | 5,378.7 | 100.0 |

Source: *Survey of Employment and Earnings*

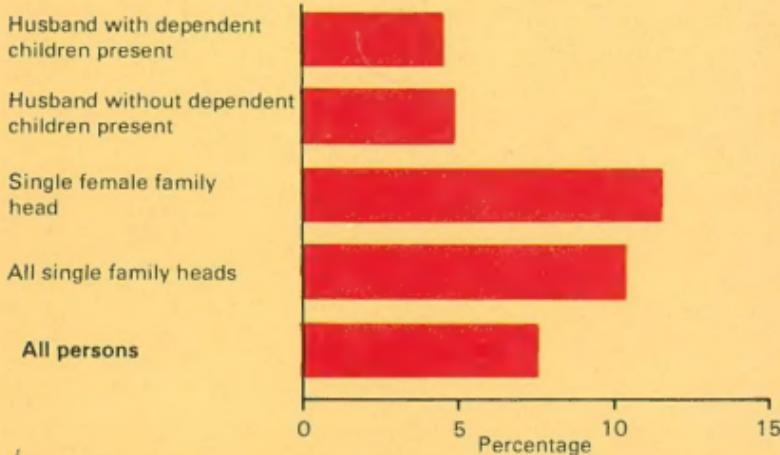
UNEMPLOYMENT

AVERAGE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT



Source: Monthly Population Survey

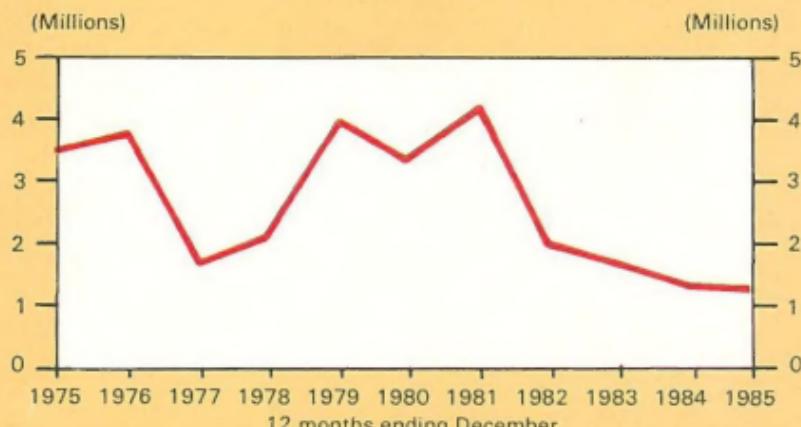
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: FAMILY STATUS, JULY 1985



Source: Monthly Population Survey

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES: WORKING DAYS LOST



Source: Monthly Census of Industrial Disputes

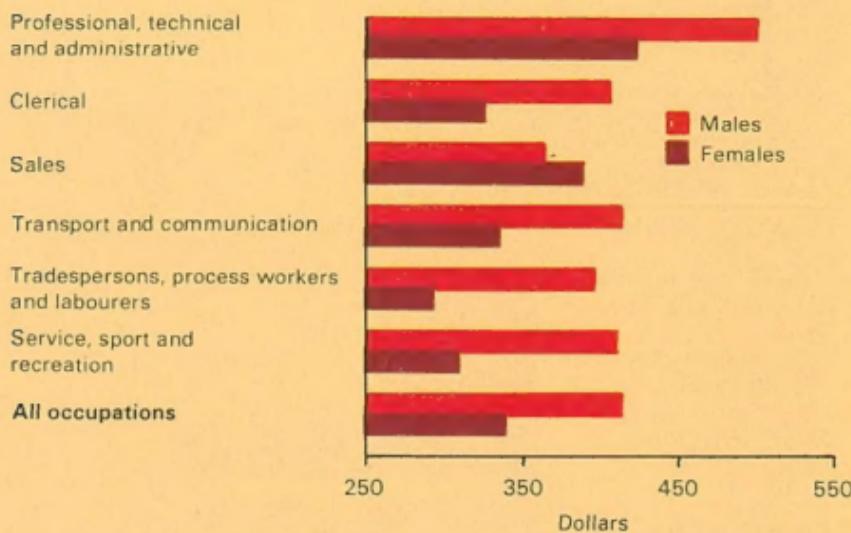
EARNINGS

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS (\$)

| | | November | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 |
|-----------------|--|----------|--------|--------|------|
| All males | | 362.00 | 389.50 | 413.90 | |
| Full-time adult | | 394.10 | 427.30 | 453.60 | |
| All females | | 237.20 | 255.10 | 268.40 | |
| Full-time adult | | 303.90 | 333.50 | 353.70 | |
| All persons | | 311.30 | 335.40 | 355.60 | |
| Full-time adult | | 365.10 | 398.10 | 423.10 | |

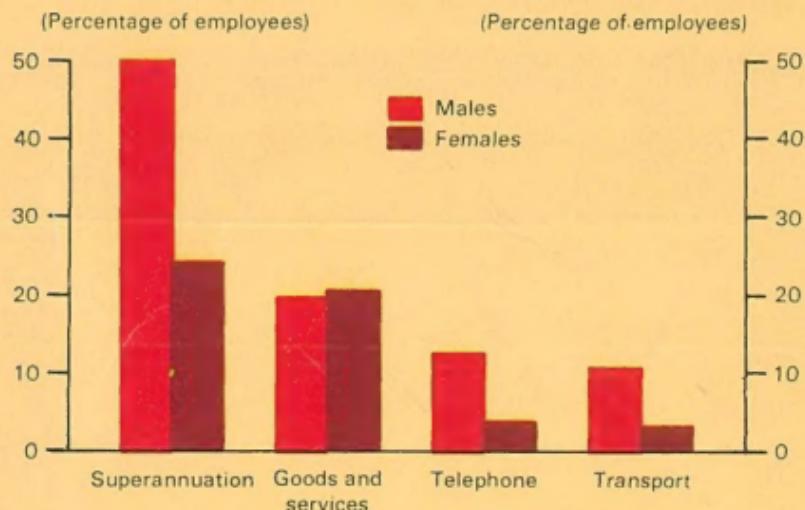
Source: Survey of Average Weekly Earnings

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS: FULL-TIME NON-MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES BY OCCUPATION, MAY 1985



Source: Survey of Employee Earnings and Hours

EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS RECEIVED, AUGUST 1985



Source: Monthly Population Survey, Supplementary Survey on Employment Benefits.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS, 1985

| | Population, June (million) | Civilian Employment, average for year (million) | Unemploy- ment rate, average for year (per cent) |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Australia | 15.8 | 6.7 | 8.2 |
| U.S.A. | 239.3 | 107.2 | 7.1 |
| Japan | 120.8 | 58.1 | 2.6 |
| Germany (Fed. Rep.) | 61.0 | n.a. | 8.6 |
| United Kingdom | n.a. | 23.9 | 13.2 |
| Italy | 57.1 | 20.5 | 10.5 |
| Canada | 25.4 | 11.3 | 10.4 |
| Sweden | 8.4 | 4.3 | 2.8 |

Sources: *UN Monthly Bulletin on Statistics May 1986*; *OECD Labour Force Statistics 1/1986*.

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